

Lancaster County - Substance Abuse Action Coalition  
Coordinating Council  
October 13, 2004

Present were: Kit Boesch, Deb Daily, Tim Perry, Jerome Barry, Tami Soper, Otto Schultz, Karen Heusel, Brendan Evans,

Schedule Conflicts: B.J. Brittenham, Petra Smith

1. The Treatment team and Criminal Justice Adult team have drafted an **AGREEMENT FOR EVALUATION** providers and Criminal Justice. It will provide for a more standardized method of doing evaluations. Steve Rowoldt and Lori Griggs are looking at it today. Otto will then send it to the providers.

2. **CULTURAL CENTERS** - We explored ways of involving the Cultural Centers. Some don't have program objectives related to substance abuse. They will easily lose motivation to more urgent fires. Lack of working knowledge is also a problem. First we need to heighten awareness, collect data, seek advocates within the community.

3. Tami & Otto will bring it to the November meeting of the Cultural Centers Collaboration. Collaborate together on a plan to educate Cultural Centers staff and board. Also, what can they teach us for the spring conference. Prevention is probably the best place to start. Explore an intern to get the data together.

4. Coordinating Council will meet quarterly for its reports for the time that we are working on the Spring Conference. <b>NEXT MEETING IS</b> January 12, 10:30 a.m. 555 So. 9 <sup>th</sup> St.
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5. Spring Conference "**STIRRING THE POT**" is setting dates. There are three purposes for conference including informing the community about what substance abuse coalition is doing, influencing policy makers, and educating substance abuse professionals. . We have enough stuff for 10 days and we are trying to put it into 1.Legislative breakfast. Both thanks for past actions and data for bills they are considering. Need to have CEU's, and challenging or controversial issues such as legalizing Marijuana, using psychotropics. We will get national speakers. We plan evening session for parents. Possible dates 4/25-26, 5/9-11, 5, 16-17.

6. The **BIG DOG LUNCH** concept - This concept would bring together 15 – 25 community leaders Quarterly at the call of the Mayor. They would review information from the teams, acquire some education, and oversee the plan on behalf of the community. See handout. Work on appealing to their competitive instincts. Non-controversial topics like diabetes can attract. It has to be non-threatening enough that each big player does not have to look at how they may not be acting on this issue. Focus on the unique elements that we can offer them and they can offer us. Maybe, meet twice a year. Otto will consult with a Coalition Mentor about how they do it. Tie in with the

7. Tim Perry reported that probation is now implementing the Simple Screening Instrument with its pre-sentence unit. The Supervision Unit is incorporating it into revocations, and administrative sanction processes. They are also trying to develop a common Authorization to release information.

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The Coalition is working with the idea of calling itself the On Track Coalition consisting of three primary teams, Start On Track (prevention), Keep On Track (Criminal Justice) and BACK ON TRACK (treatment).

**THE TREATMENT TEAM** is moving toward its mission of eliminating the barriers to treatment in four areas: more screening by medical and behavioral health professionals, decreasing stigma, removing financial and procedural barriers. During this quarter we have done 331 orientations to Screening and Brief Interventions, and trained 52 including 21 physicians in the techniques. Agencies and the coalition had a number of events for Recovery Month including Independence Center's 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary party, Valley Hope's golf outing, the second Moment of Serenity. These events were attended by approximately 500 people. There was a series of radio programs on KZUM during recovery month also. When the School Community Intervention Program (SCIP) found that only two agencies were left doing SCIP screenings for students as a public service, the Treatment Team helped them find three additional agencies.

Procedural barriers were attacked with the cooperation of the **CRIMINAL JUSTICE TEAM**. Together, they revised a process to shave two weeks from the normal time between a probation officer recommending an evaluation and the report being received by the court. They devised an agreement for agencies to make with probation that would require all evaluations to meet set standards. They also decided that an Orientation to Recovery Groups class would work better for some DUI clients than merely referring them to a set number of AA meetings. This class could become a reality by January 2005. Parents of youth in the Criminal Justice/Substance Abuse systems often become overwhelmed by that system, so the Criminal Justice team is working with Healthy Families to devise a support system for parents centered on parents who have already been through the system.

**THE PREVENTION TEAM** is devising ways to keep youth involved in its work. Twelve young people have begun participating in the coalition in a meaningful way. It has developed a Matrix of Services and is currently interviewing all service providers. Its purpose is to find the gaps in the County's prevention system so we know what our needs are. The Training and Education Committee is working with the whole SAAC Coalition to sponsor a major Conference with parts for the general public, parts for all substance abuse related professionals and even a part for the legislature.

The Coalition has also formed a **SUSTAINABILITY TEAM** to pursue ways of maintaining the long term stability of the Coalition. Current funding is approximately \$350,000 per year. There is no reason why this community should be bringing in any less than one to three million dollars to do additional work in the substance abuse arena.